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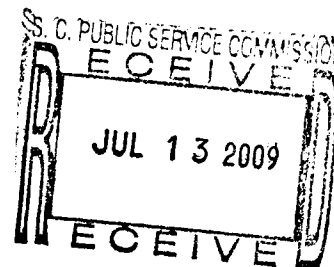
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Mr. Charles Terrini, Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Charlie:

On July 1, 2009, CenturyTel and EMBARQ merged to become one of the leading communications providers in the country. The merger of CenturyTel and EMBARQ brings together the complementary assets, geographic coverage and outstanding employees of two strong telecommunications companies. In addition to creating a much stronger, more diverse company with the ability to deliver a broader range of products and services, the combination unites two very similar corporate cultures that share a traditional commitment to our customers and the communities we serve.

The combined company, which will be known as CenturyLink, will be introduced later this year. Until then, as we work to ensure a seamless transition experience for our customers, we will continue to do business under both the CenturyTel and EMBARQ brands. We are continuing to work on staffing the South Carolina team and will provide additional information at a later date.

If I can be of assistance or answer any questions about our company, please contact me at 919-554-7135 or e-mail me at [cheryl.sweitzer@embarq.com](mailto:cheryl.sweitzer@embarq.com).

Sincerely,

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